

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CABINET
Proposed Projects Involving the General Fund (Cash or Bonds)
(amounts in **bold** are the total budget)

2018-2020

(Projects listed by Cabinet priority; descriptions are from the agency submissions)

In 2014, the General Assembly included language in the budget that allowed funds appropriated to the Economic Development Bond (EDB) Pool, High-Tech Pool and KEDFA Loan Pool programs to be used interchangeably for economic development projects. This language was also included in the 2016-2018 biennial budget. Since 2005, the General Assembly has authorized a total of \$106 million for the three programs. Projects have been committed, approved and/or disbursed from these authorizations and approximately \$18 million is available.

- 1 High-Tech Construct/Investment Pools** **\$10,000,000**
Capital is critical to grow the high-tech firms that fuel economic development in the emerging economy. Product development can be expensive and many new firms find it difficult to raise private investment funds. The Cabinet for Economic Development administers the High-Tech Construction/Investment Pools that are used to build and promote innovative-driven and research-intensive industries in Kentucky. (GL)
- 2 Economic Development Bond Program (EDB)** **\$10,000,000**
Over the life of this program, many Kentucky companies have received grants and/or loans from the EDB pool to underwrite costs associated with locating or expanding their facilities in Kentucky. This program is critical to continue to attract new businesses to Kentucky as well as encourage companies to expand their existing operations in Kentucky. (GL)
- 3 KY Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA)** **\$10,000,000**
KEDFA operates two loan programs – the Direct Loan Program and the Small Business Loan Program. This pool of funds is used to award low interest loans to companies to help underwrite the costs associated with locating a new facility or expanding an existing facility in Kentucky. The future of this program is critical to continue to attract new businesses to and provide assistance to existing businesses in Kentucky (GL)